

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A container with an application tool, comprising: a main body comprising a storage part for storing liquid substances and a neck portion having a communicating port that is communicated with the storage part; an application tool head whose back end is inserted in the neck part and that is axially movably connected to the neck part; a valve seat provided to the back end of the application tool head; a partitioning wall that is provided in the neck part and that partitions the communicating port; a valve body for the valve seat that is provided so as to protrude forward from the partitioning wall and that has a lead-out hole for leading out the liquid substances; and ~~a ring-shaped~~ an O-ring elastic member for a water tight connection is provided between a surface on the partitioning wall that supports the elastic member and the application tool head; wherein the elastic member urges the application tool head so that the valve seat separates from the valve body; and the elastic member elastically deforms so that the valve seat is in proximity or in contact with the valve body when the application tool head is pressed backward.

2. (Original) The container with an application tool according to claim 1, wherein the application tool head comprises: a cylindrical holder; a coating member held in the holder; and a pipe member whose back part is fitted into the holder and whose front part is inserted into the coating member, wherein the valve seat is provided to the back part of the pipe member.

3. (Original) The container with an application tool according to claim 1, further comprising: a cap that has an engaging part for pushing the application tool head backward and that is attached to the neck part of the main body, wherein the elastic member elastically deforms

so that the valve seat is in proximity or in contact with the valve body due to the application tool head being pushed backward by the engaging part when the cap is attached to the neck part; and the elastic member returns to the original state and the valve seat separates from the valve body when the cap is removed from the neck part.

4. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the elastic member in the direction along the central axis is greater than the thickness in the direction perpendicular thereto.

5. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 4, wherein the elastic member has a substantially elliptical cross section.

6. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 1, wherein a circular groove is formed in at least one of the inner peripheral surface and the outer peripheral surface of the elastic member.

7. (Original) The container with an application tool according to claim 1, comprising a protrusion provided in continuity with the top of the surface on the partitioning wall that supports the elastic member.

8. (Original) The container with an application tool according to claim 1, wherein the neck part has a stopper that prevents the application tool head from being released from the neck part.

9. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 2, further comprising: a cap that has an engaging part for pushing the application tool head backward and that is attached to the neck part of the main body, wherein the elastic member elastically deforms so that the valve seat is in proximity or in contact with the valve body due to the application tool head being pushed backward by the engaging part when the cap is attached to the neck part; and

the elastic member returns to the original state and the valve seat separates from the valve body when the cap is removed from the neck part.

10. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 2, wherein the thickness of the elastic member in the direction along the central axis is greater than the thickness in the direction perpendicular thereto.

11. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 3, wherein the thickness of the elastic member in the direction along the central axis is greater than the thickness in the direction perpendicular thereto.

12. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 9, wherein the thickness of the elastic member in the direction along the central axis is greater than the thickness in the direction perpendicular thereto.

13. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 2, wherein a circular groove is formed in at least one of the inner peripheral surface and the outer peripheral surface of the elastic member.

14. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 3, wherein a circular groove is formed in at least one of the inner peripheral surface and the outer peripheral surface of the elastic member.

15. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 9, wherein a circular groove is formed in at least one of the inner peripheral surface and the outer peripheral surface of the elastic member.

16. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 2, comprising a protrusion provided in continuity with the top of the surface on the partitioning wall that supports the elastic member.

17. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 3, comprising a protrusion provided in continuity with the top of the surface on the partitioning wall that supports the elastic member.

18. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 4, comprising a protrusion provided in continuity with the top of the surface on the partitioning wall that supports the elastic member.

19. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 5, comprising a protrusion provided in continuity with the top of the surface on the partitioning wall that supports the plastic member.

20. (Withdrawn) The container with an application tool according to claim 6, comprising a protrusion provided in continuity with the top of the surface on the partitioning wall that supports the elastic member.